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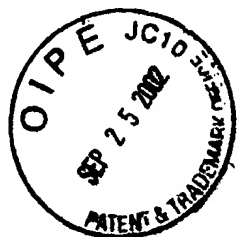
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven Y. Ng et al.

: Confirmation No.: 7251

App. No.: 09/854,435

: Art Unit: 1614

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For: Bioerodible polyorthoesters containing hydrogen bonding groups

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application, before examination, as follows:

In the Specification:

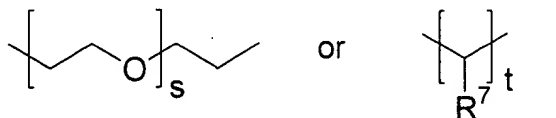
Amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 1-15, to read as follows:

Preferred polyorthoesters are those where:

n is an integer of 5 to 1000;

R⁵ is hydrogen or methyl;

R⁶ is:



where s is an integer of 0 to 10, especially 1 to 4; t is an integer of 2 to 30, especially 2 to 10; and R⁷ is hydrogen or methyl;